

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An apparatus for packaging fasteners to be worn by a user, said apparatus comprising:

    a tray having a plurality of wells, each said well being sized to accommodate a shank of a respective fastener therein; and

    an attachment device which secures the tray to the user.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said tray has a first side opposite to a second side; and wherein said plurality of wells comprises a first set of said wells in said first side and a second set of said wells in said second side.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said first set of said wells is offset longitudinally with respect to said second set of wells.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each said well is sized to hold the associated fastener by friction.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each said well has a well diameter less than a shank diameter of the fastener.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein each said well has a diameter at least as large as a shank diameter of the fastener.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said tray is formed from styrofoam.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Original) A system for packaging fasteners, said system comprising:

a plurality of fasteners each having shank with a shank diameter;

a tray having a plurality of wells, each said well being sized to accommodate the shank of a respective fastener therein; and

an attachment device which secures the tray to the user.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein said plurality of wells comprises a first set of said wells in a

first side of said tray and a second set of said wells in a second side opposite to said first side.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein said first set of said wells is offset longitudinally with respect to said second set of said wells.

20. (Canceled).

21. (Canceled).

22. (Canceled).

23. (Canceled).

24. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein said tray is formed from material comprising styrofoam.

25. (Canceled).

26. (Canceled).

27. (Withdrawn) A method for dispensing fasteners, said method comprising the steps of:

attaching a tray having a plurality of wells with a respective shank of a fastener disposed therein to a user;

placing a magnetized screwdriver bit over the fastener;

withdrawing the screwdriver bit with the fastener magnetically attached thereto from the tray.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, said tray further comprising an adhesive surface formed on said tray for securing the fasteners in said wells.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27 wherein said attaching step includes strapping the tray to a wrist of the user.

30. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said attaching step includes attaching the tray to a belt worn by the user.

31. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for packaging fasteners, said apparatus comprising:

a tray having a plurality of wells, each said well being sized to accommodate a shank of a respective fastener therein; and

said tray has a first side opposite to a second side and wherein said plurality of wells comprises a first set of said wells in said first side and a second set of said wells in said second side.

32. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 31, further comprising a plurality of bores, each said bore (a) being associated with an entrance of a respective said well, (b) having a bore diameter greater than a well diameter of said well and (c) accommodating a head of the fasteners.

33. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein said first set of said wells are offset longitudinally with respect to said second set of wells.

34. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein each said well is sized to hold the associated fastener by friction.

35. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein each said well has a well diameter less than a shank diameter of the fastener.

36. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein each said well has a diameter at least as large as a shank diameter of the fastener.

37. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 31, wherein each said well has a diameter greater than a shank diameter of the fastener.

38. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 31, further comprising an adhesive surface formed on said tray for securing the fasteners in said wells.

39. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein said tray is formed from two plastic molded shells joined to each other.

40. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for packaging fasteners, said apparatus comprising:

a tray having a plurality of wells, each said well

being sized to accommodate a shank of a respective fastener therein; and

an adhesive connector between the fastener and the tray for securing the fasteners in said wells,

whereby the fasteners are released by exerting torsion on said fasteners.

41. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, further comprising a plurality of bores, each said bore (a) being associated with an entrance of a respective said well, (b) having a bore diameter greater than a well diameter of said well and (c) accommodating a head of the fasteners.

42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said tray has a first side opposite to a second side; and wherein said plurality of wells comprises a first set of said wells in said first side and a second set of said wells in said second side.

43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein said first set of said wells are offset longitudinally with respect to said second set of wells.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein each said well is sized to hold the associated fastener by friction.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein each said well has a well diameter less than a shank diameter of the fastener.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein each said well has a diameter at least as large as a shank diameter of the fastener.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein each said well has a diameter greater than a shank diameter of the fastener.

48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, further comprising an attachment device which secures the tray to the user.

49. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein said attachment device comprises:

complementary tracks on opposing sidewalls of said tray; and

a metal frame with two opposing rails adapted to slidably engage with said complementary tracks of said tray.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein said attachment device further comprises a strap attached to said metal frame and removably attachable to the user.

51. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein said strap is removably attachable to a wrist of the user.

52. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 50, wherein said strap is removably attachable to a belt worn by the user.

53. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said tray is formed from styrofoam.

54. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said tray is formed from two plastic shells joined to each other.

55. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for packaging fasteners to be worn by a user, said apparatus comprising:

    a tray having a plurality of openings, each said opening being sized to accommodate a shank of a respective fastener therein; and

    an attachment device which secures the tray to the user.

56. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein said tray has a first side opposite to a second side; and wherein said plurality of openings comprises a first set of said openings in said first side and a second set of said openings in said second side.

57. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 56, wherein said first set of said openings is offset longitudinally with respect to said second set of openings.

58. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein each said opening is sized to hold the associated fastener by an adhesive.

59. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein each said opening has a diameter greater than a shank diameter of the fastener.

60. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 55, wherein said tray is formed from plastic.

61. (Previously Presented) A system for packaging fasteners, said system comprising:

a plurality of fasteners each having a shank with a shank diameter and a head;

a tray having a plurality of openings, each said opening being sized to receive the shank of a respective fastener therein; and

an attachment device which secures the tray to a user.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 61, wherein said plurality of openings comprises a first set of said openings in a first side of said tray and a second set of said openings in a second side opposite to said first side.

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 62, wherein said first set of said openings is offset longitudinally with respect to said second set of said openings.

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 61, wherein said tray is formed from material comprising plastic.

65. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for packaging fasteners, said apparatus comprising:

a tray having a plurality of openings, each said opening being sized to accommodate a shank of a respective fastener therein; and

an adhesive connector between the fastener and the tray for securing the fasteners in said openings,

whereby the fasteners are released by exerting torsion on said fasteners.

66. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 65, further comprising a plurality of bores, each said bore (a) being associated with an entrance of a respective said opening, (b) having a bore diameter greater than an opening diameter of said well and (c) accommodating a head of the fasteners.

67. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 65, wherein said tray has a first side opposite to a second

side; and wherein said plurality of openings comprises a first set of said openings in said first side and a second set of said openings in said second side.

68. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 67, wherein said first set of said openings is offset longitudinally with respect to said second set of openings.

69. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 65, wherein each said opening is sized to hold the associated fastener by adhesive.

70. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 65, wherein each said opening has a diameter greater than a shank diameter of the fastener.

71. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 65, further comprising an attachment device which secures the tray to a user.

72. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 71, wherein said attachment device comprises:

complementary tracks on opposing sidewalls of said tray; and

a metal frame with two opposing rails adapted to slidingly engage with said complementary tracks of said tray.

73. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein said attachment device further comprises a strap

attached to said metal frame and removably attachable to the user.

74. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 73, wherein said strap is removably attachable to a wrist of the user.

75. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 73, wherein said strap is removably attachable to a belt worn by the user.

76. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 65, wherein said tray is formed from two plastic shells joined to each other.

77. (New) An apparatus for packaging fasteners, said apparatus comprising:

a tray having a plurality of openings, each said opening being sized to accommodate a shank of a respective fastener therein; and

a connector means between the fastener and the tray for securing the fasteners in said openings,

whereby the fasteners are released by exerting torsion on said fasteners.

78. (New) The apparatus of claim 77, further comprising a plurality of bores, each said bore (a) being associated with an entrance of a respective said opening,

(b) having a bore diameter greater than an opening diameter of said well and (c) accommodating a head of the fasteners.

79. (New) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein said tray has a first side opposite to a second side; and wherein said plurality of openings comprises a first set of said openings in said first side and a second set of said openings in said second side.

80. (New) The apparatus of claim 79, wherein said first set of said openings is offset longitudinally with respect to said second set of openings.

81. (New) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein each said opening is sized to hold the associated fastener by said connector means.

82. (New) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein each said opening has a diameter greater than a shank diameter of the fastener.

83. (New) The apparatus of claim 77, further comprising an attachment device which secures the tray to a user.

84. (New) The apparatus of claim 83, wherein said attachment device comprises:

complementary tracks on opposing sidewalls of said tray; and

a metal frame with two opposing rails adapted to

slidingly engage with said complementary tracks of said tray.

85. (New) The apparatus of claim 84, wherein said attachment device further comprises a strap attached to said metal frame and removably attachable to the user.

86. (New) The apparatus of claim 85, wherein said strap is removably attachable to a wrist of the user.

87. (New) The apparatus of claim 85, wherein said strap is removably attachable to a belt worn by the user.

88. (New) The apparatus of claim 77, wherein said tray is formed from two plastic shells joined to each other.